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City of Riverside Names Michael Moore Fire Chief

Public safety veteran has 32 years of experience, including last 15 as a Chief Officer

RIVERSIDE, Calif. – Michael D. Moore, Fire Division Chief with the Orange County Fire Authority, has been named Fire Chief of the Riverside Fire Department. He starts Aug. 26.

Moore, who started with the Orange County agency as a firefighter/paramedic in 1982, has worked the last 15 years in the position of Chief Officer. He most recently has worked as local Fire Chief for the City of Irvine, which contracts with the Fire Authority for fire services.

“Michael Moore’s experiences overseeing both a city fire department and fire operations across a large and diverse county make him uniquely qualified to lead the Riverside Fire Department,” City Manager Scott Barber said. “We have a tradition of excellence in our department, and I look forward to Chief Moore building on the good work of those who have come before him.”

Moore oversees a 60-mile area including 13 fire stations and directly manages the Fire Authority’s most specialized programs, including Crash Fire Rescue Units at John Wayne Airport, Type 1 Hazardous Materials Teams, Medium Urban Search Trucks, Heavy Rescue Unit, the UC Irvine campus and a standalone volunteer firefighter station in Emerald Bay.

Moore also serves as department Duty Chief on a rotational basis with other Division Chiefs, overseeing 71 fire stations, 550 square miles and fire prevention and protection services for 1.7 million people.

Moore has been married to his wife, Robyne, for 31 years, and they have two adult children, Candace and Cameron. A resident of Corona, Moore expects to relocate to Riverside.

“I have long admired the Riverside Fire Department for its commitment to excellence and its strong reputation among the Southern California firefighting community,” Moore said. “I very much look forward to continuing the strong tradition of excellent leadership in Riverside.”

Moore earned his Executive Fire Officer certification from the National Fire Academy in 2005. He was awarded a Master of Public Administration degree from California State University, Long Beach in 1993 and graduated from the University of Redlands with a B.A. in Management in 1988. He earned associate degrees in Paramedical Education from Santa Ana College and Fire Service from Long Beach City College, both in 1984.

Moore’s salary will be \$215,000.